

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A vehicle airbag arrestor mountable about a vehicle steering
2 column carrying a steering wheel containing an inflatable airbag, the airbag arrestor
3 comprising:
4 an enclosure having an open end and a closed end, the enclosure
5 adapted to be mountable over a vehicle steering wheel and vehicle steering column,
6 with the closed end adjacent a vehicle steering wheel; and
7 an attachment member, mountable about the enclosure, and adapted to
8 substantially non-axially, movably mount the enclosure over the steering wheel and
9 the steering column of a vehicle.
- 1 2. The airbag arrestor of claim 1 wherein the attachment member
2 comprises:
3 a strap disposed about the enclosure; and
4 a connector carried on the strap for receiving a free end of the strap to
5 releaseably tighten the strap and the enclosure about a vehicle steering column.
- 1 3. The airbag arrestor of claim 2 wherein:
2 the strap is movably mounted on the enclosure.
- 1 4. The airbag arrestor of claim 2 wherein the connector comprises:
2 a latch movable to and from a first position engaged with the strap; and
3 a biasing member acting on the latch to bias the latch to the first
4 position.
- 1 5. The airbag arrestor of claim 4 wherein the connector further
2 comprises:
3 a body carrying the latch and the biasing member.

1 6. The airbag arrestor of claim 5 wherein:
2 the strap has first and second free ends; and
3 the body carries a separate latch and a separate biasing member for at
4 least one free end of the strap.

1 7. The airbag arrestor of claim 2 wherein:
2 the strap and the connector are arranged for one hand mounting and
3 releasing operation.

1 8. The airbag arrestor of claim 1 wherein the enclosure further
2 comprises:
3 a sidewall extending from the open end to the opposed closed end.

1 9. The airbag arrestor of claim 1 wherein:
2 the enclosure is formed of a flexible, ballistic material.

1 10. The airbag arrestor of claim 9 wherein:
2 the enclosure is formed of KEVLAR

1 11. The airbag arrestor of claim 9 wherein the attachment member
2 comprises:
3 a tightenable strap disposed about the enclosure, the strap formed of a
4 flexible, ballistic material.

1 12. The airbag arrestor of claim 11 wherein:
2 the strap is formed of a flexible, ballistic grade NYLON.

1 13. The airbag arrestor of claim 2 wherein the attachment member
2 comprises:
3 a tightenable strap disposed about the enclosure, the strap formed of a
4 flexible, ballistic material.

1 14. The airbag arrestor of claim 13 wherein:
2 the strap is formed of a flexible, ballistic grade NYLON.

1 15. The airbag arrestor of claim 1 wherein:
2 the attachment member is arranged on the enclosure for one-hand
3 mounting and releasing of the enclosure with respect to the vehicle steering column.

1 16. The airbag arrestor of claim 1 further comprising:
2 the enclosure and the attachment member formed of a flexible, ballistic
3 grade material.

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